



Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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SEPTEMBER 5, 2005

Good Week for Corn Harvest

Warm sunny days blanketed the area allowing farmers to have 6.5 **days suitable for field work** for the week ending September 4, 2005. Sunshine provided good conditions for **corn** and **soybeans**, but soil moisture is short. A majority of the **corn** crop is drying down and over 43 percent has matured. Early maturing fields are being harvested for grain. Harvesting of **corn silage** is progressing rapidly with 61 percent harvested. The majority of the **soybean** crop has set pods and some fields are starting to turn color. **Soybeans** will not be harvested for at least a few more weeks. Vegetable harvest is almost complete for **cantaloupes**, **cucumbers**, **snap beans**, **sweet corn**, and **watermelons**.

Fruits were in mostly good condition. **Apples** were rated 2 percent poor, 15 percent fair, 79 percent good, and 4 percent excellent.

Pastures are rated 1 percent very poor, 2 percent poor, 42 percent fair, 53 percent good and 2 percent excellent. **Hay supplies** were 16 percent short, 52 percent adequate, and 32 percent surplus.

DELAWARE’S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 4, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
Harvesting Progress:				
Apples	34	29	24	32
Cantaloupes	86	80	87	89
Cucumbers	87	82	83	79
Lima Beans	55	41	64	30
Peaches	88	80	96	92
Potatoes	77	72	80	78
Snap Beans	94	89	97	89
Sweet Corn	87	81	86	84
Tomatoes	86	78	83	74
Watermelons	84	78	88	78
Corn for Silage	61	13	37	40
Crop Progress:				
Corn Dent	91	68	91	71
Corn Mature	43	23	53	35
Hay Harvested:				
Alfalfa Hay 4 th Cutting	38	20	27	30
Other Hay 3 rd Cutting	83	57	75	78

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 4, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	20	62	18	-
Topsoil (2004)	-	14	80	6
Five Year Average	3	11	76	10
Subsoil Moisture	3	57	40	-
Subsoil (2004)	7	8	82	3
Five Year Average	7	17	67	9

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 4, 2005

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.00	33.41	5.29	88	58	76	4
Easton	0.24	31.52	0.88	88	59	76	3
Frederick	0.23	28.24	1.35	88	56	74	7
Frostburg	0.48	27.72	-5.69	79	51	67	4
Hagerstown	0.58	21.61	-4.93	86	56	74	4
Mechanicsville	0.00	29.46	-1.74	86	58	74	3
Patuxent River	0.00	29.91	0.80	87	66	77	6
Ocean City	0.02	31.24	-0.65	91	57	77	5
Salisbury	0.14	33.39	1.41	88	51	75	3
Sharpsburg	1.83	25.55	-1.34	89	52	73	6
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.00	29.20	2.66	90	63	79	4
Delaware							
Dover	1.32	35.25	4.80	88	59	76	4
Georgetown	0.02	30.25	-0.80	91	59	78	7
Wilmington	0.03	25.64	-2.58	89	56	76	4

Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.